

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00413-CJN**

CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
VETERANS AFFAIRS

Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/19/2019

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/19/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5952910) filed by CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 5, # <u>6</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>7</u> Summons Dep't of Veterans Affairs, # <u>8</u> Summons U.S. Att'y Gen., # <u>9</u> Summons Civil Process Clerk)(Mulvey, Ryan) (Entered: 02/19/2019)
02/19/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE (Mulvey, Ryan) (Entered: 02/19/2019)
02/19/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Christopher R. Cooper. (zef, ) (Entered: 02/19/2019)
02/19/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 02/19/2019)

03/04/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 2/25/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 3/27/2019. (Mulvey, Ryan) (Entered: 03/04/2019)
03/04/2019	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 03/04/2019. (Mulvey, Ryan) (Entered: 03/04/2019)
03/04/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS served on 3/4/2019 (Mulvey, Ryan) (Entered: 03/04/2019)
03/27/2019	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.(Clark, Denise) (Entered: 03/27/2019)
03/27/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties promptly confer and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure on or before April 10, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 03/27/2019. (lccrc3) (Entered: 03/27/2019)
03/27/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 4/10/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 03/27/2019)
04/10/2019	<u>8</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Clark, Denise) (Entered: 04/10/2019)
04/10/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties file a further status report on or before May 10, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 04/10/2019. (lccrc3) (Entered: 04/10/2019)
04/11/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 5/10/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 04/11/2019)
05/10/2019	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Clark, Denise) (Entered: 05/10/2019)
05/10/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further status report on or before June 19, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 05/10/2019. (lccrc3) (Entered: 05/10/2019)
05/13/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/19/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 05/13/2019)
06/19/2019	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Clark, Denise) (Entered: 06/19/2019)
06/20/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further status report on or before August 2, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 06/20/2019. (lccrc3) (Entered: 06/20/2019)
06/21/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 8/2/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 06/21/2019)
06/24/2019	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Lee A. Steven on behalf of CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE (Steven, Lee) (Entered: 06/24/2019)
06/24/2019		Case directly reassigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. Judge Christopher R. Cooper is no longer assigned to the case. (ztnr) (Entered: 06/24/2019)